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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 10 July 2006, and pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114 filed herewith, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

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